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Officers Kevin Mullick, left, John Blanthorn, Superintendent Maria Rianna, officers James Shanahan, James Shanahan JR, Jarred Barretti, and Frank Arcuri helped to distribute more than 500 colorful backpacks to students.

# Students receive free backpacks, supplies

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The first day of school can mean a lot of different things to students. There will be the return of homework and the reuniting with old friends. But what some take for granted — buying a backpack and school supplies for children — is too expensive for some families to provide. To help, the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association, Glen Cove Police Benevolent Association and Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton handed out free backpacks and school supplies at Glen Cove High School on Aug. 22 to ensure children have a better start at the beginning of the school year.

The event, which has become a cherished community tradition, saw the distribution of over 500 backpacks, filled with essential school supplies. Each backpack contained notebooks, pens, crayons, and other classroom necessities, ensuring that students are well equipped for the start of the school year. This initiative began in Westbury in 2019 and gained significant traction during the pandemic as the need for such support became more pronounced.

The back-to-school season can be a time of great stress for parents, with a Life360 survey indicating that the cost of school supplies is the number one concern for 51 percent of parents. Initiatives like the backpack giveaway at Glen Cove High School provide crucial support, alleviating some of this stress and helping students to begin the school year on the right foot.

“This event is one of my favorite community traditions, and it is such a joy to see so many smiles on the faces of our



Glen Cove High School principal Allen Hudson said hello to a parent picking up the school supplies.

children after they select their new backpack,” DeRiggi-Whitton said. The numerous families who attended the event, many of whom expressed their gratitude for the much-needed assistance, echoed her sentiment.

Glen Cove Schools Superintendent Maria L. Rianna, highlighted how access to the right materials can make a significant difference in a student’s educational experience.

“School supplies are necessary for every student’s learning and growth, and Glen Cove Schools is grateful to our sponsors for making this event possible,” Rianna stated. “When students have access to necessary materials, they are better prepared to engage with their studies, complete their work efficiently, and participate actively in their education.”



County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton handed Linda Calzone backpacks for her two sons and daughter for use this school year.





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# Suozzi highlights immigration challenges

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Among Harris's supporters at the DNC was U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, of New York's 3rd Congressional District, who called for bipartisan and humane solutions to America's ongoing immigration challenges. Suozzi, who won his seat in a special election earlier this year, framed his remarks within the context of his own immigrant heritage, linking his family's story to the broader American narrative of opportunity and perseverance.

Suozzi's speech was a key moment in the convention, as Democrats sought to unify their message two and a half months before the presidential election. With immigration continuing to be a polarizing issue, Suozzi's emphasis on bipartisan cooperation struck a deliberate contrast to the increasingly divisive rhetoric that has characterized the national debate.

"My father came from Italy as a boy, was the first kid in the neighborhood to go to college, served as a navigator during World War II, came home, and at 28 was elected as the youngest judge in the history of New York state. What a country!" he told the audience, eliciting applause. He invoked his grandfather's wisdom, shared through a family toast that marriage, like life, involves both joy and hardship: "*Non c'è rosa senza spine* — You can't have the roses without the thorns."

Suozzi acknowledged that while border security is a serious concern, the U.S. must also honor its legacy as a nation of immigrants. "The immigrant experience. *E pluribus unum*. Out of many, one. My family's experience! Kamala Harris's experience! The American experience!" he said, linking his story of immigrant roots

to Harris's. While Suozzi did not delve into policy specifics, his remarks were a ringing endorsement of Harris's approach to immigration. He praised her for her commitment to both securing the border and ensuring humane treatment for those crossing it, portraying her as a leader who understands the balance between enforcement and compassion.

"Kamala Harris will work to secure the border while also honoring the United States' history as a nation of immigrants," Suozzi asserted.

He also critiqued the current state of political polarization, which he described as "painful." He particularly criticized Republicans for exacerbating divisions and undermining efforts in the Senate to pass a bipartisan border security bill. Although Suozzi did not name former President Trump directly, he left little doubt about whom he held responsible for the failure of what he described as a promising legislative effort.

"The bottom line is that the people in the United States of America are concerned about the border," Suozzi said at a news conference before his speech. "And what we've seen is that if we talk about the border and show that we're willing to support the bipartisan Senate deal, the American people like that. The fact that that deal was undercut by President Trump is really damaging."

Suozzi's focus on immigration has been a defining feature of his recent political career and has been at the forefront of addressing the local impact of national immigration policies.

Since reclaiming his seat in February, Suozzi has



Courtesy office of Tom Suozzi

**U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi called for bipartisan and humane solutions to America's ongoing immigration challenges at the Democratic National Convention.**

argued that the Democratic Party must take a firm stance on border security to counter Republican attacks while also advocating for comprehensive immigration reform.

Suozzi has also emphasized building bridges between the two parties on immigration. He has positioned himself as a pragmatist, willing to collaborate with Republicans to find common ground on an issue that has long defied easy solutions.

"People are sick of the attacks and the extremism," he said before his speech. "They're sick of the gotcha. They want people to work together, solve problems, and make the world a better place."



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Concertgoers sat on blankets and chairs as they listened to Vivaldi's iconic concerto 'The Four Seasons' performed by Chamber Players International.

# Vivaldi comes to life at the Planting Fields

The Planting Fields Foundation hosted an afternoon of music and conversation featuring Chamber Players International, maestro Enrico Fagone, and violinist Lorenzo Mazzamuto. The concert took place at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay on Aug. 24, where the ensemble performed Antonio Vivaldi's iconic masterpiece, "The Four Seasons."

Fagone provided insightful commentary on Vivaldi's influence on generations of composers and explored the connection between Vivaldi's love of nature and the ecological themes in his work.



Violinist Lorenzo Mazzamuto is an accomplished musician known for his versatile performances, both as a soloist and chamber musician.



Enrico Fagone, conductor and artistic director of Chamber Players International, was honored by Marisa Gambino, president of Loggia Glen Cove #1016, at the pre-performance welcome back reception.



Enrico Fagone and Lorenzo Mazzamuto shared smiles after performing Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons' at Planting Fields Arboretum.



Vivaldi's music has inspired generations of composers and musicians, including Michaela Tufariello.

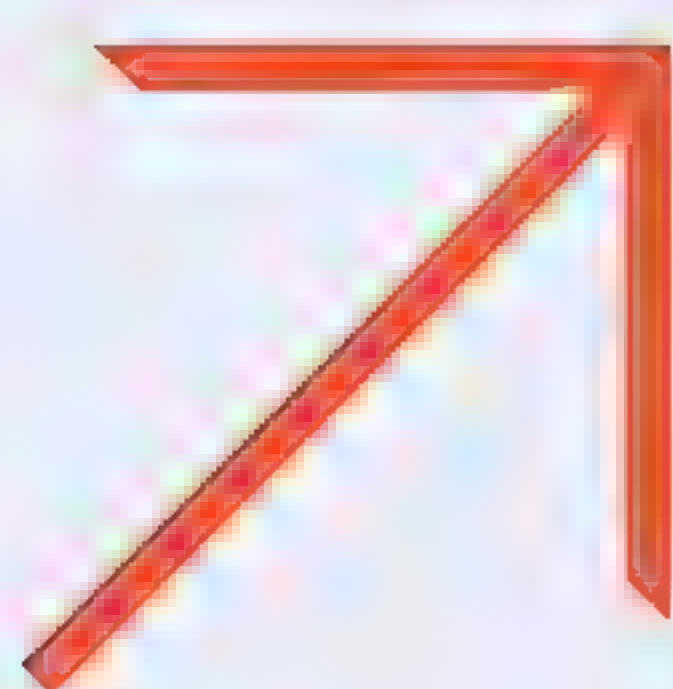


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